1	2	3	4
Other misc. Expenditure including salary, wages of employees, security contracts, liveries, maintenance of vehicles etc	90.14	90.42	99.10

[English]

Calcutta Circular Railway

3155. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has demanded to complete the missing link between Princepghat and Majerhat of the Calcutta Circular Railway and to electrify the entire stretch and laying the double track; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The entire 13.5 km. non-electrified single line project from Dum Dum Jn. to Princepghat has been commissioned in states for traffic by 17.6.90. except the part from Princepghat to Majerhat. Fresh Techno-economic survey for single line from Princepghat to Majerhat has been taken up by Eastern Railway. The Techno-Economic Study for doubling and electrification of Circular Railway has been taken up by West Bengal Govt. through M/s. RITES.

Conversion of Land

3156. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area under cultivation for cash crop during 1994 and 1995;

(b) the extent to which the area has been converted from food crops cultivation into cash crops cultivation during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Union Government to promote the cultivation of food crops and to prevent this conversion?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The area under cultivation of cash crops during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as follows :

Crop	Area in Thousand Hectares	
	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	3
Oilseeds	26897	25260
Sugarcane	3422	3815
Cotton	7321	7925
Jute and Mesta	885	944
Coconut	1635	1669
Potato	1047	1089
Onion	368	384

(b) The total area under foodgrains during the last two years i.e. 1993-94 and 1994-95 was 122.75 and 123.55 million hectares respectively. Thus at the All India level there is no diversion of area from foodgrains to other crops. The State-wise position of cropped area under foodgrains is given in the statement enclosed. Marginal decline in area under foodgrains during 1995-96 in the States of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra etc. is attributed to weather fluctuations.

(c) In order to increase the production and productivity of the foodgrains, various centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented namely, Integrated Cereal Development Programme based on Cropping System areas for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals. National Pulses Development Programme is also being implemented.

STATEMENT

State	Area (Thousand Hectares)	
	1993-94	1994-95
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	6870.9	6660.0
Arunachal Pradesh	189.9	188.5
Assam	2740.6	2667.7
Bihar	8710.8	8685.3
Goa	65.9	65.9
Gujarat	3992.2	4202.3
Haryana	3894.9	4026.8
Himachal Pradesh	850.2	849.2
Jammu & Kashmir	888.7	888.7
Karnataka	6983.6	7078.9
Kerala	541.0	534.0
Madhya Pradesh	17721.0	17496.8
Maharashtra	14188.1	13531.4
Manipur	164.6	165.5
Meghalaya	131.9	130.1
Mizoram	75.6	80.2
Nagaland	184.3	186.3
Orissa	5772.0	5776.2
Punjab	5861.7	5921.4
Rajasthan	11628.9	12907.7
Sikkim	76.1	75.1